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Attorney Docket No. P00,2004 (1998P0223SWOUS)

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the telephone conversation with Examiner on February 22, 2006 and submits the following amendments and remarks. Claims 13, 21 - 23, and 25 - 26 have been amended. Thus, claims 13-15, 17, 19, 21-27 are presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response To Request For Substitute Specification:

Applicant has attached a marked substitute specification and a clean substitute specification as requested by Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that both of the substitute specifications were submitted January 30, 2001 and acknowledged as received by the USPTO (as indicated on enclosed postcard received from USPTO dated January 30, 2001).

Response To Objections:

The Examiner objected to claims 13, 21 - 23, 25, and 26. These claims have been amended as suggested by Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection to the claims.

Response To Matter Concerning The Figure:

Applicant respectfully confirms that the application includes only one figure.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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